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1. The most important political problem discussed by the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party in Belgrade the early part of February was whether or not military assistance should be sought from the Western democracies in case of aggression by the Soviet satellites against Yugoslavia. On this occasion, two opposing opinions were put forth:

a. To seek no direct military aid, for the following reasons:

- (1) There might be the danger of a revolutionary movement within Yugoslavia;
- (2) Even if this revolutionary danger should be removed, there is fear of a weakening of discipline within the Yugoslav Army when in contact with Western armies, since Yugoslav discipline, similar to that in the Soviet army, is essentially founded upon forced political indoctrination.

b. To seek direct military aid.

- (1) An unspecified number of members of the Central Committee believe the Western democracies would be in a position to give the government of Tito the necessary guarantees for direct military assistance.

2. The trip to London made by Milovan Djilas in early February seems to be closely connected with the second opinion.

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